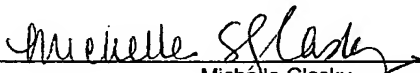




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**PATENT**

Applicant: **James C. Peacock III**

Serial No.: 10/724,453

Filed: November 28, 2003

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CONTAINING BIOERODABLE  
BIOACTIVE COMPOSITES AND  
RELATED METHODS

Group Art Unit: 3731

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a four month extension of time for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated March 12, 2004, extending the statutory period of response from June 12, 2004 to September 12, 2004.

Applicant encloses a check in the amount of \$1,467.00, which includes the fee required for a four month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a) (\$740.00), the statutory basic filing fee for a small entity (\$385.00), claim fees of \$277.00 and the late filing fee surcharge of \$65.00.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-3207.

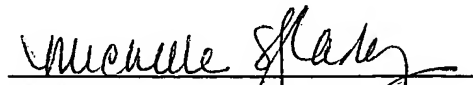
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